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### **MONTANA PBS AIRS 'MAKING FRONTIER HOUSE' DOCUMENTARY**

#### **MISSOULA--**

Montana PBS will offer an inside look at the filming of the upcoming PBS series "Frontier House," a living history drama filmed near Big Timber.

"Making Frontier House," a half-hour documentary, airs at 10 p.m. Monday, April 29, following the debut of the three-part "Frontier House" series at 8 p.m. "Making Frontier House" will repeat at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 30, and 9 p.m. Thursday, May 2.

"Frontier House" follows three families -- from Tennessee, Massachusetts and California -- as they try to flourish in the Montana wilderness with only a cabin, tools, clothing and household effects like those that would have been used in 1883.

In "Making Frontier House," Montana PBS producer Daniel Dauterive set out ahead of the series with his camera, following its producers and consultants as they researched and created an authentic frontier experience. Dauterive, who works at The University of Montana's Broadcast Media Center, wanted answers to questions like: Why 1883? Why Montana? What was the hardest thing to re-create? And what is the families' biggest challenge?

"Making Frontier House" features exclusive behind-the-scenes footage, as well as interviews with the series' expert historical consultants and its production team. The result is a look at the real history of homestead life and the challenges of re-creating it in the new

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"Making Frontier House" is hosted by "Frontier House" building consultant Bernie Weisgerber, a historic preservation specialist with the U.S. Forest Service Northern Region, based in Missoula. Weisgerber's other PBS projects include appearing as a "cabin expert" on "This Old House."

Production funding for "Making Frontier House" was provided by Travel Montana.

More information about "Frontier House" is available online at  
[www.pbs.org/wnet/frontierhouse](http://www.pbs.org/wnet/frontierhouse).

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